

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the first paragraph of page 1 (under the section heading "RELATED APPLICATIONS") as follows:

"The present application is a continuation application and claims priority benefit with regard to all common subject matter of an earlier-filed application entitled CORDLESS MICROSCOPE, Serial No. 10/004,339, filed November 14, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,714,348. The identified earlier-filed patent application is hereby incorporated by reference into the present patent application."

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 24 as follows:

"The microscope 10 also includes one or more eyepiece lenses 32 mounted on the arm 16 above the objective lenses 28 for providing further magnification of specimen images and for permitting a user to view the images. The eyepiece lenses 32 may also be mounted to a rotating head or carousel. The cordless microscope 10 also includes conventional controls mounted to the stand 12 such as coarse ~~course~~ and fine coaxial focusing knobs 34,36."